

Last night and this morning, CNN and MSNBC newscasts indicated that there is rising public pressure to have your June 2 rule change vote delayed to allow time for public hearings and debate. I ask you also to delay the rule change and allow time for a public debate. Chairman Powell told Lou Dobbs that he is satisfied he has a complete record on which to call for the vote. How can it be complete if there have not been adequate public hearings, if there has not been adequate, balanced media coverage of this issue? Your proposed rule change will have a tremendous effect on whether or not citizens receive their information from a variety of sources, without the stifling of dissent or diversity because it facilitates monopoly. A recent CNN revealed that 96% did not want media ownership in the hands of a few corporations. This is borne out by the huge public outcry against your June 2 vote once a few respected media that believe in serving the public interest brought it to the public's attention through balanced reporting.

I also wish to express my disapproval of the large amounts of money, over \$2 million, accepted by Chairman Powell and FCC Commissioners from media corporations for travel, much of it to places like Las Vegas. How can the FCC have the public's interest in mind when they let themselves be wined and dined by corporations who will be able to monopolize public airwaves and control what the public is informed of.